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"The Hampden-Sydney student will behave as a gentleman at all times and in all places."

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COLLEGE CONDUCTING SEARCH FOR NEW DEI OFFICER

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NEWS EDITOR

The Department of Equity and Inclusion (DEI) has been without a dean and coordinator since October of this academic year, and their absence has been felt around the campus. Most notably, the absence of these two key figures on campus is felt by the Unity Alliance (UA) and the Minority Student Union (MSU). In an interview with UA President Zachary Mace '23, the full extent of this lack of a dedicated student service was detailed.

While day-to-day life for the students at the Unity Alliance has been largely unaffected by the absence of dedicated staff members, Zach noted a sharp uptake in the difficulty in interfacing with faculty and utilizing campus resources. This was not to say that those resources and



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the faculty members were inaccessible or uncharitable, but the lack of a staff position designed to be the interface between student organizations like the Unity Alliance and the larger community has made it more difficult to be present on campus. While Zach also noted that membership and participation within the organization has remained constant since the positions were vacated, there has also been a marked decrease in the engagement with the Unity Alli-

ance and the greater campus community. Again, without the Dean and coordinator to put together events and pitch them to the faculty and student body, it can be difficult to host events with special speakers or conduct events that rely on student engagement like the annual raft debate. "The Dean and Coordinator were good at making public events public, and increasing engagement with people who might otherwise think they have no reason to

attend events hosted by the UA or the MSU." President Mace elaborated.

On the positive side, the absence of a dedicated liaison within the DEI has, at least for the Unity Alliance, seen the rise of leadership in other places. Faculty committees like the gender issues and intercultural affairs committee have stepped up in the absence of a dean and provided resources and guidance to the group in lieu of the normal

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WILSON CENTER HOSTS ATTORNEY GENERAL

JASON MIYARES

JEB TUCKER '26
STAFF WRITER

At 7:00p.m. on February 21st, students and faculty had gathered in Crawley Forum to hear from Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares on what he called "The American Miracle." Beforehand, he had met with local law enforcement at Everett Stadium Lounge. After an introduction by alumni Ian Lichacz '22 and Delegate Wren Williams '11, Miyares took the lectern and thanked the College for having him here. He respects H-SC profoundly—he respects its mission, origin, and the men it produces: "You came here for a reason. You came here to be unique. You came here to be leaders."

A Hampden-Sydney Man is one who knows the difference between disagreeing and being disagreeable, says Miyares, and one who understands how lucky he is to be here. Miyares's mother fled

Cuba at 19, and her story is a part of his identity. Miyares used the fearful existence from which she escaped to show the room the privilege that Hampden-Sydney and American life gives us. He tapped the microphone thrice. "That noise—a knock on the door—means nothing to us." Across the world, others aren't so lucky. American life is safety, among other things. There are other places, autocracies or regimes that do not give their citizens that comfort, Miyares reminds us.

Alongside safety, Miyares wants Americans to be grateful—he centers on that virtue, gratitude—for the rights we wield. "Freedom of speech: it is unique. It is a miracle. Freedom of Religion: it is unique. It is a miracle. Freedom of Press: it is unique. It is a miracle," Miyares asserted. There is much that we take for granted as citizens, much that Miyares knows to be

NO FULL-TIME PROFESSORS LEFT IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, SEARCH ONGOING FOR NEW FACULTY

BEN JIA '25
STAFF WRITER

As a current Computer Science major, I can affirm that the CS program is in a bad position. When I matriculated, we had two professors: Dr. Hemler and Dr. Jaiyeola. The latter left Hampden-Sydney in Summer 2022. The former is currently on phased retirement; he neither teaches this semester nor will be teaching the following spring. Although

blessings as a child of an immigrant and a man who has a wealth of experience in the naturalization of immigrants. Premier among them is pride in this country and all it has to offer.

One third of young Americans are proud to be American, says Miyares; and, he says that minority breaks his heart. He communicated something an old Marine had told him: that there are no Rs or Ds

the Mathematics and Computer Science department has attempted two searches for computer science faculty this academic year alone, all of the offers made to the candidates were eventually declined. As such, we currently have no computer science faculty teaching courses.

The department has endeavored to continue providing computer science courses:

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on the white crosses in Arlington Cemetery. Before being a partisan, the people opposite each other are Americans. There is a very strong pride his mother felt when she cast her first presidential ballot at 38. And there is no excuse, says Miyares, for us to waste our voice as citizens. "I don't care who you vote for. There's no excuse." We each must play our part in the American Miracle.

TIGERNET FACES DELAYS, SLOW PROGRESS



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STAFF WRITER

The internet has progressed to the point that strong Wi-Fi networks are essential to ensure that work, communications, and leisure activities run smoothly. Hampden-Sydney College is no exception to the age of the internet and right now steps are being taken to ensure that Hampden-Sydney is not left behind.

The H-SC Wi-Fi network is steadily being replaced by a newer system that promises to increase the availability and speed of internet across the campus. This new network is aptly named TigerNet and is only available in certain buildings at the moment, but the Hampden-Sydney technology department hopes to change this. In an interview with Mr. Todd Pugh, the Director of the Computing Center, laid out the plan for getting TigerNet rolled out to the whole campus.

Pugh explained that TigerNet utilizes technology from Aruba Networks, an education-oriented Wi-Fi systems manufacturer. Replacing the older infrastructure with the newer one from Aruba Networks will help to increase the speed of the network and increase versatility for network functions like gaming and classwork. The new infrastructure will also limit the impact that multiple people have when utilizing the internet. Overall, this upgrade to the campus Wi-fi will drastically improve the reliability of the internet across the campus; however, this is limited as it is only available in select buildings at the moment.

The process of installing a new Wi-Fi network across the entire HSC campus is no easy task and a great amount of planning

is needed to cover just one building. Pauley Science Center, for example, was built with TigerNet in mind; however, the pandemic made the installation process far from simple. The required technology was held up for the better part of a year due to the worldwide pandemic that crippled shipping across the globe. Even though the technology had a delayed arrival it was successfully integrated into Pauley before the grand opening. Thankfully, the pandemic is receding and shipping delays no longer regularly disrupt important deliveries. Items can now arrive within a week of being ordered which bodes well for future installations.

The most recent installation of TigerNet on the campus was in Morton Hall. For some time, Morton was plagued by poor internet, but this was rectified over Winter Break. Seeing a perfect time to install TigerNet into the building, the dedicated staff of Hampden-Sydney got to work. The older H-SC Wi-Fi infrastructure was taken out and replaced by the newer system in time for the 2023 Spring semester. Thanks to a speedy installation, Morton now has reliable internet connection.

The next building slated for the new system is the Venable Building, currently being remodeled and turned into a desirable spot for campus living. After Venable has been completed, the Computing Center's attention will turn to the Alphabet Dormitories on the far side of the campus. Thanks to the dedicated technology and maintenance staff at Hampden-Sydney, TigerNet will be steadily installed over the next few years, making Hampden-Sydney a little more connected.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH ON THE HILL: A CONNECTED AND COMPLICATED PAST



MATTHEW MISCIKOWSKI '26
STAFF WRITER

On the evening of February 13, Betty Kilby Baldwin and Phoebe Kilby hosted in event in honor of Black History Month at Crawley Forum. Betty Kilby Baldwin is the descendant of slaves and has struggled against racism and prejudice all her life. Phoebe Kilby is descended from slave owners and has dug deep to unearth her own past. Both women share one past, but each took a diverse path to reach the same conclusion. After both women introduced themselves at the podium Phoebe Kilby started the event by sharing her story first. She began her journey by relaying that she was unaware that her ancestors were slave owners. After her initial discovery of her ancestors' dealings with slavery she began to take an interest into her families past and try to uncover the ugly truth. Phoebe Kilby would eventually find her way to the Come to the Table Movement. The Come to

the Table Movement was inspired by the principles set down by Martin Luther King Jr. Phoebe Kilby explained. She elaborated on the ideals of the Come to the Table Movement more by explaining that they seek to bring descendants of slaves and slave owners alike to sit down and find forgiveness in their hearts. Through her involvement in this organization Phoebe Kilby would be encouraged to find the descendants of her family's slaves. She searched extensively through old courthouse filings and various other pieces of historical evidence in addition to the internet which yielded Phoebe Kilby with names to work with. It was at this point that she sent an email to Betty Kilby Baldwin. Betty took the stage at this point to share her half of the story with the audience. Born into a still racist America, Betty faced hate and prejudice through her whole life. Her time in grade school was a miserable affair, filled to the brim

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CAC HOSTS WINTER BALL

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STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, February 18, Hampden-Sydney hosted the annual Winter Ball, a tradition at the college since the '70s. This year, the theme was a combination of "The Roaring '20s" and "The Great Gatsby." Many people attended dressed in newsboy caps, vests, and suspenders, adding to the feel. This year's Winter Ball featured live music by "Liquid Pleasure," a band that has played for everyone from Barack Obama to the Washington Nationals. This year's ball was black tie optional.

In an interview with Chairman Hager, he mentioned the change in rules was part of an effort "in the spirit of bringing the campus together and making the Winter Ball accessible to as much of the student body as possible." The event maintained its formal nature, but Hager hoped that "by allowing students to attend in a coat and tie, many students no longer had to spend \$100-\$300 to rent a tuxedo," and the decision helped lead to the most student participation in recent years. However, not everyone was happy with how

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AHS HOSTS DR. ALLAN STAM

JEB TUCKER '26
STAFF WRITER

At 7:00pm on January 30th, professors and students gathered at Crawley Forum to hear Dr. Allan Stam's talk titled *The Russo-Ukrainian War: Causes and Consequences*. As a professor at the Frank Batten School of Leadership, a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and possessor of a resume longer than this article, Dr. Stam presented a unique opportunity for H-SC to better learn about the current conflict in what he calls "The Borderlands." Countries are often defined by

natural borders, he explained; the lack of well-defined geographical borders has led to a history of strife and back-and-forth contest over the Ukraine region. Dr. Stam realized this claim by showing the room a map of Ukraine on February 1st, 2022—its borders were largely intact, save Crimea and Donetsk, but a large red blight on the border marked a profusion of Russian troops. 3 weeks later, on the next slide, splotches of red showed Russian occupation permeating Ukraine. 3 months later, however, Ukraine had pushed Russia

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ERRATA

In Issue CIII.1, January 26, 2023, in the article titled "New Ice Machine Installed in Carpenter Z," Drew Blankenship's '23 name was mistakenly spelled "Drew Blakenship." Additionally, the article claimed that a bag of ice costs \$12.50; that is the price for three bags of ice. Lastly, the article claimed that Mr. Blankenship personally "bagged a deer;" he is not a hunter himself but was interested in supporting hunters on campus.

In Issue CIII.1, January 26, 2023, in the article titled "Senate Passes Student Finance Board Reform Bill," the Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Body was incorrectly identified as Nicholas Rubino '25. The actual Secretary-Treasurer is Alexander Rubino '23.



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College Church

Explanatory note: I take out this ad because Dean McDermott blocked my recital listing from the college public events calendar. His justification was "not a college-sanctioned event." (Don't consider law school if you find that compelling.) I suspect the real reason is my lingering status as persona non grata in some quarters. Brief backstory: former Dean Hollemon's accusation, in writing, of my being a "homophobe" and "hypocrite" had the sanction of the dean and president plus two members of the fine arts department. I was fired as glee club accompanist. As a virtue signal to certain members of the community, the fine arts department resolutely refuses to sponsor my recitals since that time. No appeal possible, a grievance blocked, no explanation, no retraction, and no apology for this personal attack and its aftermath. I assume that all involved feel shame and embarrassment, wanting memory of the sorry episode to simply go away. Hence, my theory of the real reason for the dean's decision.

OPINION

GOP IN CHAOS:
PART 2

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STAFF WRITER

While sitting on my couch, I watched with my own eyes as this infighting was dragged out onto public display. A few months earlier, a group of populists, led by Florida congressman Matt Gaetz and Virginia congressman Bob Good, attempted to instate Arizona congressman Andy Biggs as the House Republican leader. Their vote failed miserably, with the previous House Minority Leader, Kevin McCarthy, being victorious in a vote of 188 to 31. However, despite their internal loss, the populist hardliners refused to cave in. In the House of Representatives, it requires a majority vote to become speaker. Even with a Republican majority, it could take just five hardliners voting against McCarthy to prevent a speakership. Kevin McCarthy, the “young gun,” who was a possible heir to Republican leadership for over a decade, now faced humiliation. Instead of getting the position of speaker handed to him on a platter, he would have to fight to stay the Republican leader.

The first round of voting for the speaker of the House position began around noon. I had just gotten out of the shower and was stumbling down the stairs to eat lunch. I turned on the TV, and saw that with only sixty votes cast, McCarthy had already lost the first round. By the end of the round, a total of 19 populist hardliners had voted against McCarthy, with a plurality of the opposition backing Andy Biggs. The floor had already descended into a

mess, with Republican caucus whips and ideologues running around, making mad attempts to sway the dissent. Some surprising figures were making moves for McCarthy, such as Ohio congressman Jim Jordan, the Vice Chairman of the Freedom Caucus. Jordan was speaking to McCarthy himself, presumably game-planning how to bury the hatchet with the right. By the time my grandma arrived, the voting was over, and the second round began.

As I sat down with a turkey sandwich, Jim Jordan made a very in-character move. In hopes of gaining Freedom Caucus support, Jordan was permitted to nominate McCarthy for the second round of voting. It’s easiest to understand Jordan as an opportunist. By working within Republican leadership, he hopes to gain concessions and power, eventually normalizing his ideology within the party and seizing control for either himself or his followers. Jordan’s speech was well-received by the Republican caucus, highlighting McCarthy’s work to cut taxes and curtail spending. What Jordan did not anticipate his speech to do was unify McCarthy’s opposition around himself. Matt Gaetz, after Jordan finished speaking, nominated Jim Jordan himself for the speakership, with the Freedom Caucus uproariously applauding. McCarthy again failed to reach a majority, with the same 19 all voting for Jordan. The next round had the same nominees, however, Byron Donalds, a congressman from Florida, switched his vote to Jordan, making 20 members

in opposition to McCarthy. Meanwhile, the Democrats, unified around Hakeem Jeffries, watched the Republican conference implode.

The House was called in to recess for the rest of the day, with voting halted until noon the next day. At around the same time as the opening of the chamber, I was stepping off a plane in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, preparing to enjoy my week-long vacation to the U.S. Virgin Islands. The day was hot, the sun was bright, and yet, while drinking a strawberry smoothie while waiting for a ferry, I decided to check in on the vote in frigid Washington D.C. It was around fifteen minutes into the vote, unsurprisingly, McCarthy had once again failed to ascertain a majority. This time, the Freedom Caucus had placed itself behind Byron Donalds, in hopes Donalds, a black Republican, would be more palatable to a public audience. However, in the end, the vote was still stuck with 20 Republicans in opposition to McCarthy. After the ferry ride to St. John, on which I saw the formerly private island of the late Jeffrey Epstein, I looked at my phone again, with the exact same result for the fifth round. By the time we unpacked at the villa and left to get some pizza from a group of white American retirees in Coral Bay, the House had already called for a recess until the next day. Kevin McCarthy had lost six straight rounds of voting. Defeated on his own ground, he came to the negotiating table and that night, he struck a deal with the dissenters.

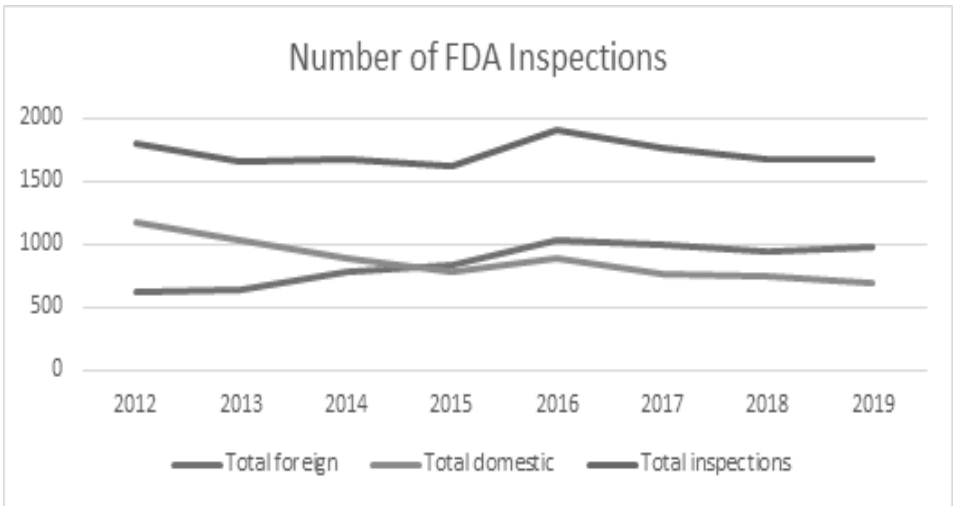
WINTER BALL, CONT'D

the ball went, including some students in attendance that night. Several students, each of whom wished to remain anonymous, thought that the ball was not worth the price we paid for it, elaborating that they did enjoy themselves but in retrospect, we know that it was simply not necessary or responsible to spend so much money on the event. In addition,

some students claimed that many large expenditures meant to be at the ball were absent. The most common complaint was that the cost of attending—for the students who could not garner a sponsorship—was too high. Luckily, when the night of the dance came, these issues did not seem to stop the many attendees from enjoying themselves. And the stu-

dents who attended this year’s Winter Ball were lucky because even though it appears to have been widely appreciated, it will likely not be seen again soon with the effort or money put into it this year. However, even without quite as many resources, if next year’s ball can be anything close to this year’s, it will still be worth attending.

BOTTLE OF LIES: REALITY AND REVELATION



GEORGE LANGHAMMER '24
LIFE EDITOR

Where do our generic drugs come from? The short answer is all over the world, but when you look at the statistics, two countries stand out: India and China. While the generic industry has saved consumers trillions of dollars in paying for drugs, the downside is that manufacturing overseas has been plagued by fraud and bad manufacturing practices for years. Companies such as Ranbaxy exploited the FDA’s flawed process of overseas inspections and procedures at the expense of the health and safety of the consumer. In her book, *Bottle of Lies*, Katherine Eban investigates the generic drug industry from the beginning.

The generic industry exploded in the United States following the passage of the Hatch-Waxman act in 1984. Immediately the FDA faced problems as the agency was flooded with thousands of applications for generic drugs. Companies resorted to

bribery and fraud to get their drugs approved, and the scandal led to the passage of the Generic Drug Enforcement Act in 1992. However, this eventually had little effect because much of the advanced pharmaceutical inputs and pharmaceutical production would soon move overseas. The already overtaxed agency could barely effectively regulate at home, and it should have been no surprise that they would have an even harder time overseeing companies abroad. Unfortunately, the FDA did little to revise its practices and gave generic companies a massive advantage in their ability to avoid regulation.

The FDA faced two significant hurdles in their ability to regulate abroad: the FDA notified companies that they were coming, and for years the inspectors the FDA sent were compromised. For inspections in the United States, the FDA can show up unannounced; however, to facilitate a “trusting relationship” between U.S.

and Indian regulators, Indian companies were given prior notice. Even once investigators were authorized to conduct unannounced inspections between 2013 and 2016, the State Department reprimanded FDA investigators for “acting like cowboys” after issuing hundreds of warning letters. However, letting pharmaceutical companies host investigators led to company subsidized trips and shopping excursions for them and their families. There was even one investigator, Mike Gavini, who would share drafts of his regulatory findings with companies and considered himself as more of a consultant. Even though the FDA’s rate of inspection overseas was abysmal, every ten years, on time inspections would have been undermined by these factors, as companies had time to prepare and could buy their way out of problems.

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LIFE

SPOILER ALERTS NEVER SPOIL:
THE SAINT OF MEDIOCRITY

DANIEL NIVENS '24
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

To those of you who know me, you probably know that I am quite terrible at watching movies. Chances are if you ever ask me “Have you seen this movie?”, the answer is no. So, in an effort to make myself watch some movies, I am writing this column. In every issue of The Tiger, I will be writing a non-spoiler review of an old movie that I had never seen. These movies could be a decade old; they could be five decades old. The moral of the story is that spoiler alerts never spoil.

Yet again, I have a confession to make: I am breaking my own rules. As bad as that is, my confession does not hold

a candle to Salieri. This week I’m taking a look at a movie that I have seen twice: Milos Forman’s Amadeus from 1984. Cast from the prospective of Mozart’s early rival, Antonio Salieri, Amadeus tells the story of the meteoric rise and death of Mozart. It’s a movie of musical brilliance, interpersonal intrigue, and even more music. The movie has a special way of making the music of Mozart come to life. There are scenes where characters look at the sheet music for a piece, and the song rises from the background and comes to life in front of you. It’s truly brilliant. As much as I love these scenes, though, the movie does drag. It is very much a product of

the 1980s, with its focus on long exposition and overly dramatic shots. These factors don’t necessarily detract from the movie, but it makes it so that only a person with some preexisting interest in the topic might enjoy the movie. For the classical music fan, then, Amadeus comes highly rated. It has made the American Film Institute’s 100 Years... 100 Movies list and has been chosen by the National Film Registry for preservation due to its significance. As a classical music fan myself, I quite like this movie; it’s not my favorite, but I find myself recommending it quite a bit. That being said, Amadeus earns a solid 89%.

H-SC SLUDGE REPORT

From the Magister Equituum of the Imperator Sulgorum:
(Jeffrey Hunsaker '23)

Hampden-Sydney College Gives up Competent Classics Professor for Lent.

Hampden-Sydney Hot Air Balloon Club Targeted by US Air Force.

John’s Auditorium Struck by Lightning During Act of God.

Associate Editor Richard Jones Says Somehing Funny.

Jeff Norris Bites Bullet During Questioning: Ben Jia Now Tends to Stay Away.

Hampden Sydney Locomotive Interest Club Covers Up Botched Chemical Delivery to Pauley.

New Compass Classes! Dead Languages Taught by Dead Department.

If Iron Sharpens Iron, Hampden-Sydney Becomes Dull.

Hampden-Sydney Diagnosed as Iron Deficient.

The Rise and Fall of Hampden-Sydney Enters Book Six.

After Gatsby Themed Winter Ball, CAC Chairman Benjamin Hager Found Shot Twice in Pool.

Cincinnati Bangels Join Hampden-Sydney Tigers as Football Teams not Making it to Finals.

President Stimpert Relieved Board of Trustees Left Before “It All Went to Hell.”

Student Senate Finishes Allocations, Secretary-Treasurer Alex Rubino Seen Sitting Alone at Lunch for the First Time in Months.

Election Debate Full of ad Hominem Arguments: Those Bastards!

Classified Documents Belonging to Scott Teachy Found in Noah Moore’s House: “How’d those get there?!”

THREE-POINTERS FROM MR. SHOTWELL

SPECIAL DOUBLE ISSUE

CARTER SHOTWELL
GUEST WRITER-COUNSELOR

When you’re having trouble getting going on your work, the answer isn’t always to just force it. Sometimes you need to ease yourself into it. Check out today’s productivity bank shots. 1. **Clean your room.** It may seem like a mundane task, or even a distraction, but when you see visible evidence of your efforts, you’ll want to keep the ball rolling. This tip comes direct-

This Valentine’s season, love is in the air. Maybe romantic, maybe brotherly, maybe starting, maybe stalling, but definitely distracting in any form. A young man’s job at this point in his life is to begin to curate the chosen family that he’ll carry with him into the rest of his adult life. It makes sense that late night shenanigans are more tempting than studying for the quiz coming up in the morning. Still, we’ve all seen what can happen when a brother allows his social life to overtake his academics. Follow these tips to keep things in balance. 1. **Pick wisely.** Do your friends inspire you to do better, or do they convince you to blow off assignments? If you

ly from your fellow Tigers, by the way (which will become clear if you come see me in my office). Just get yourself back to studying before you get sucked in to scrubbing baseboards. 2. **Pad your to-do list.** Okay, make a to-do list. And when you do, add some easy tasks to it. Check email. Look at Canvas calendar. Return library books. The to-do list will allow you to see the finish line, and crossing the quick things off will make you feel like

suspect your friend group is preventing you from doing as well as you’d like, try meeting people through clubs or activities. You’ll already have something in common, and you’re more likely to push each other if you’re both contributing to something you care about. That kind of momentum usually spills over into academics as well. 2. **Plan it.** If you know a particular person can always persuade you to skip class, don’t meet up with them before class! That’s a person to hang out with over dinner. If you know you will go all in for Greek Week, admit to yourself you won’t be very productive that week, and knock out a few assignments early to

you’re getting closer. 3. **Get a move on.** Nothing gets the blood pumping and the mind racing like a good old-fashioned workout. Take a job, go for a walk, or hit the gym. Maybe you’ll even get some new inspiration for your paper while you’re at it. And if all else fails, remember the wise words of Mr. Shotwell: “A body in motion stays in motion, but a body in a dorm stays on the couch.” So get up, get going, and crush that to-do list. Go get ‘em, Tiger!

get ahead. It’s fine to prioritize your relationships sometimes as long as you also think through how you will fit in your responsibilities. 3. **Earn it.** Relationships can be great motivators. Make a pact that you will only hang out after finishing your essay. Ask your friend to hold your phone and only give it back once you turned in that quiz. If you finish your work before hanging out, your down time will feel much more relaxing, and you’ll be able to concentrate more fully on the ones you love. Mr. Shotwell works in the Office of Academic Success. If your scholastic game is off, he can help you get on track. Email cshotwell@hsc.edu to book an appointment.

CHRISTIAN’S CORNER:
LENT IS UPON US

DAVID CREGO '23
COPY EDITOR

Brothers and sisters of Hampden-Sydney, now is a joyous but penitential time. I am of course talking about the season of Lent, which started this Wednesday the 22nd. If you saw anybody with a weird smudge on his forehead last Wednesday, then he must have gone to the Ash Wednesday service at the College Church or one of the Churches in town. We enter into an intense 45-day period before Easter, emulating Christ’s 40 days and nights fasting in the desert before he began his ministry. For Christ commands us to “be perfect, as [our] heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). A more scrutinous

reader might have noticed that the 46-day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday is longer than Christ’s 40 days in the desert. The 45-day period might seem like an inconsistency, but you must remember that Sunday is a day for celebration, which means that the usual fast of Lent can be relaxed. So, whatever you have given up for Lent can be relaxed on Sundays, because Sundays are a glorious time when the Lord is arisen. Now if you wish to maintain your fast all throughout Lent, then that is also perfectly acceptable. What this means is that we should make a special effort to honor the Third Commandment: “Remember the sabbath day, to

keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work” (Exodus 20:8–10). Take an extra effort this Lenten season to finish your school work early, so you can truly rest on Sundays and refrain from servile labor. To celebrate this Lent season, we must first confront the particular sins that plague us. This will obviously differ from person to person, but in preparation for the resurrection of our Lord, giving up chocolate for a little more than a month does not seem to be the wildest of commands. It is a Lenten practice to give up one thing for the sake of our Lord. I myself

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THE PEANUT GALLERY

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Covid-19 may have been just a training exercise for the next killer pandemic - avian influenza. Deadly H5N1 influenza has affected chickens in industrial poultry farms from the US to China and beyond for over a decade. Poultry farmers have had to cull hundreds of millions of chickens to try to keep this virus under control, hoping it would not jump the species barrier but knowing it would eventually. The question is when?

On February 3rd, the New York Times published an article titled “An Even Deadlier Pandemic Could Soon Be Here”. That warning echoes my warning that the next Killer Pandemic could arrive at any time and make Covid-19 look like child’s play.

In unvaccinated populations Covid-19 only had about a 1.5% mortality rate in the US. H5N1 has had over an 80% mortality rate in chickens and between 55% to 85% to date in the few humans it has infected. That was OK when it rarely infected people, but now it seems to be in the process of jumping the species barrier into mammals that can then easily infect humans.

Porpoises, minks, and bears, Oh My! But no Tigers yet.

Now H5N1 has infected those three species and apparently is spreading mink-to-mink on a mink farm in Spain. Thus the real Spanish flu may be headed our way with a frighteningly high danger quotient we hope will fall. H5N1 might arrive in six months or six years. People should get prepared for this future pandemic shock.

I recently wrote two books on pandemics. The first is *Understanding Covid-19, How 500,000 American Lives Could Have Been Saved*. The second is *Dear Bill Gates, How to End Serial Pandemic Failure, HIV-1 to Covid-19*. Both books are available in the Bortz Library, on Amazon.com, and at the HSC bookstore. They explain how the world has entered a new Pandemic Age and how America’s health authorities have made mistakes in the past in their response to viral pandemics. They must not make the same mistakes again.

Luckily, flu vaccines are standard technology. However to manufacture and distribute enough H5N1 vaccine for everyone will take nine-to-twelve months. Even then, flu vaccines are only about 85% effective.

Will the National Institutes of Health learn from the mistakes it made with AIDS, Ebola, and Covid-19 that I point out in my books? Not likely. That will cost millions of lives. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing again and again and expecting a different result. The National Institutes of Health needs to change its pandemic strategy from trying to invent a new drug for each new viral disease and waiting for success for several years as people die, to instead using effective, broad-spectrum, antiviral medicines that are sitting on the pharmacy shelf that can fight viral illness from day one. Unless they do that, millions more Americans will die in the coming Spanish flu than died in the last Spanish flu from 1918 to 1920.

Good luck Tigers, we may need it. Check out my two books in the Bortz library.

Scientifically yours,
Howard Armistead HSC ‘74

COMPUTER SCIENCE, CONT’D

currently, two math professors, Dr. Loeb and Dr. Pendergrass, are currently teaching core 300- and 200-level computer science courses, and the department hired James Chapman, an industry veteran, to teach a special topics course on cybersecurity this semester. Unfortunately, Dr. Hemler had already made alternative plans for this spring by the time the department pivoted to trying to cover classes internally. Regardless, the search committee has recently reviewed the applications of additional candidates and is proceeding with preliminary Zoom interviews.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, awarded undergraduate CS degrees grew by 62.9% during the academic years from 2014–15 to 2019–20; it is most unfortunate for the college to go through these difficulties at a time when more and more prospective students are likely to be interested in computer science. At times, I think to the philosophy of Søren Kierkegaard, a Christian existentialist, who distinguished between three levels of existence: the aesthetic, the ethical, and the religious. The religious envelops the other two, but can be reached only with an act of faith that transcends rational judgment; we may all hope to be so courageous.

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RUBINO REPORTS: A DELAYED SUPER BOWL PREDICTION

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This upcoming Super Bowl between the Chiefs and Eagles has much anticipation built up around it. Unfortunately, the last time the Chiefs were in the Super Bowl they suffered a demoralizing loss to Tom Brady and the Buccaneers. They will be coming out with something to prove. The Chiefs are looking to get on the winning side of the NFL and win their third Super Bowl in franchise history. On the Eagles' side, Jalen Hurts is looking for his first Super Bowl ring and the Eagles second Super Bowl. The last time the Eagles were in the Super Bowl was in 2017 and they beat the Pa-

triotis with Nick Foles and the helm. A godly performance from Mr. Foles to say the least. The matchup between Hurts and Mahomes has much excitement attached to it because both quarterbacks have had such a successful season. To spice things up a little, here are some interesting facts from the past about previous Super Bowls:

The Coin Toss Curse: Since 2014, the team that wins the coin toss has not won the Super Bowl.

Gross Green: The teams that do not wear white in the Super Bowl are 20-36, but the last time someone won without wearing white was the Eagles in 2017.

Kelce Kraziness:

Jason Kelce and Travis Kelce are the first set of brothers to face off in the Super Bowl versus one another.

Rihanna’s Racket: Rihanna will be performing at the Super Bowl Halftime show which is consistently the biggest concert of the year. With all of these cool facts, it all comes down to one game of football between the best teams in the country. The major underlying question remains, who will come on top? I know both of my guesses in the championship games were wrong but this one cannot be, so FLY EAGLES FLY.

Editor’s Note: The delay is entirely my fault and not the fault of Mr. Rubino. He was wrong anyway, so I do not feel as bad as I would otherwise. His reputation would be damaged no matter what.

DEI, CONT’D

sources. And while the reassurance and the presence of the committees is heavily appreciated by the UA, Zach clarified that the presence of a dean was still very much important for the students in organizations like the Unity Alliance; “The dean [of equity and inclusion] helped with a lot of administration for the UA and MSU. That position being filled also provided some reassurance that if there were some form of issue involving the students in those groups, that it would be taken care of quickly and efficiently. Not to say that it wouldn’t now, but it was nice to have the reassurance.”

And while the UA and MSU have not noticed a sharp decline in membership since the emptying of the offices of dean and coordinator, there are other programs that orbit those organizations which seem to have suffered without the coordination provided by the staff offices. Zach mentioned the Brother-For-Brother program, which helped provide mentorship for first generation college students. To his knowledge, that program has ceased to be active on campus, if it still exists in any capacity at all. According to Jerrod Nolan, president of the MSU, that organization has actually grown this year because of a freshman class that was eager to engage and work with the organization. While that is certainly an upside, President Nolan expressed concern

that the freshmen who bring vigor to the organization are “...missing the benefits that only can come from a person in this position who’s job partly is to work with them, certain benefits and opportunities that we as MSU student leadership cannot provide.”

The Tiger was able to contact Jerrod Nolan, president of the MSU via email. He was able to provide a clear picture of what effect the lack of DEI leadership has had on the MSU. Much like the UA, MSU has had to take on most of the responsibility for organizing and networking events, and included specific examples of “...planning and executing events, responding to any issues that occur, reminding the school to do things such as make a post about black history month, promoting all DEI events through our own platform.” Obviously, the lack of a dean in DEI means that instead of these events being automatically told to the public, the MSU now has to use their own resources to get the word out, and without the faculty connection mentioned by Zach in regards to the UA, many potential events and speaker sessions will simply not happen. However, Jerrod also mentioned that much like the UA, faculty and students have stepped up to ensure that the usual events still occur and happen with the usual level of quality and professionalism. But, Jerrod also

says that the number of, and attendance at, MSU events overall is down.

In a potential new hire, Jerrod expressed hope that the person who is hired to fill the position vacated by Dean Hollemon is able to ally with and relate to the struggles of minority students on this campus. He further explained that MSU hopes that “they [the incoming dean hire] have experience dealing with these struggles themselves, preferably if they have faced them personally.” This relation to the struggles faced by minority students on campus would also allow the incoming dean to serve as a mentor to the younger students, like Dean Hollemon did in this role. Jerrod also believes that it is important for people, both in the faculty and the student body, to realize that a vacant position does not mean the work of that position stops. Rather, it is important work that needs to get done, and the students and other faculty have to step up and do it for themselves without the privilege of having a dedicated dean to advocate and plan on their behalf. President Nolan finished with “...we are still college students just like everyone else. We already have to deal with feeling out of place and that we don’t belong here, on top of the regular student workload, but now we have had to take on this added responsibility as

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THE BACK PAGE

TIGER TALES

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He looked down at the patch of dirt and rubble he stood on. As he did, the wind picked up, swirling the dirt away until the outline of some irregular shape could be seen underneath. Grimm watched the dust swirl away until he could clearly see the footprint of what had to be a very large creature. However, no matter how hard or closely he looked, he was unable to discern exactly what animal had left it. Resolving to check it again later, perhaps when

more clues had presented themselves, he walked away. In his frustration, Grimm failed to properly look where he was going. He only just managed to break his fall with his arms before his face was introduced to a brick. Dusting himself off, he looked around for the object he had tripped over. There was only one likely candidate: a human arm, sticking out from underneath a pile of wooden beams and stone. Grimm hurried over, pulling aside the debris to reveal the body of a male teenager underneath it. Upon checking his notebook, he



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concluded that this discovery was indeed important—a class of schoolchildren had reported one student missing from their number after they had been

evacuated from the museum shortly before the incidents described in the police report. As he slowly and tenderly turned the body over to check for

damage, Grimm let out a gasp. Clutched in the dead teenager's hands was a small red mirror. Grimm gently pried open the body's hands to get a closer look at the strange object. He had no idea why this teenager would have such a thing, or how such a fragile object could have survived the utter destruction he saw around him. As he turned it over in his hands, it grew warm and began to smoke. Grimm dropped it on the stone under his feet, surprised at how it didn't break, even at such a jarring impact. As he watched, the mirror began to expand,

growing until it was about the size of the mirror on the bathroom door back at his house. Then the snout of an alligator appeared, poking its way through what should have been solid glass. Grimm pinched himself. Don't be stupid, Melvin, he scolded. This absolutely cannot be real. It's all in your head. But, as he watched the rest of the beast emerge from the mirror, he realized: that mysterious footprint had been a warning, a warning that he should never have gotten himself involved in this weirdness. But now it was too late.

DEI, CONT'D

well. I do not believe it is fair, but like I said the work needs to be done and someone needs to do it.”

However, there is hope on the horizon. Zach is also a member of the committee which is seeking out new

hires for the DEI coordinator and dean positions; and, while not able to share many specifics, he says that the search is going well and the committee is preparing to bring candidates to The Hill soon. So far, there

have been around 40 applications submitted for the position according to Dean Richard Pantele '13, who is head of the search committee.

STAM, CONT'D

back out of most of those footholds.

But why Russia, and why now? There are underlying and proximate causes, says Dr. Stam. The latter are grievance and greed, he says; Russia seeks vengeance against Western encroachment and the resources Ukraine offers. The proximate causes Dr. Stam identifies are the breakdowns in geopolitical norms that precede a war: bargaining failure, information standoff, commitment of nations, and indivisibility. Essentially, proximate causes are the failure to compromise. The ultimate cause, though, is deterrence failure. No combination of grievance leads to war so long as deterrence is in play, says Dr. Stam, but chaos ensues

when it disappears.

Dr. Stam elaborated further: “These people have been pissing each other off for years.” A list of grievances spanned the screen, telling of a spiteful history between the two nations. On Ukraine's list, over 40 million deaths marred the screen, with displacement and suffering alongside them since the 1930s. Russia's list, starting in the 1990s, cites mostly NATO expansion, the loss of its former status as a superpower, and Ukraine damming the Crimean water supply after Russia annexed it.

Dr. Stam continued by contrasting geopolitical attitudes from before the war with where we are now—Russia's confidence and Ukraine's resolve were striking. As

it stands, Russia is nearing the first anniversary of a war they intended to last six weeks, and both sides are running out of ammunition. This has gone from a prospective beatdown to a gritty standoff, and an underdog story in the making.

There are many ways this could end, ended Dr. Stam, from a new Cold War, to NATO's immense benefit, to nuclear conflict. As is, the Russo-Ukraine War is a volatile but not unpredictable situation, and it's people like Dr. Stam who help us see into the clouded Borderlands dispute. One thing stands out, though: a Russian victory is not the worst case scenario when nuclear war is on the table.

KILBY, CONT'D

with hate simply because of the color of her skin. The oppressive school environment could not keep Betty down; however. The young Betty excelled at her classes and even her teachers could not deny that she was a capable person.

Despite the times, Betty would go onto achieve an upper level management at her job due to her work ethic and skill in the field. The company she worked for would eventually send Betty to college so that she could obtain her MBA to further ben-

efit the company. At this point in her life Betty would begin writing and eventually would produce *Wit, Will, & Walls*. The book detailed her early life and her incredible journey to where she is now.

Both stories would come together after Phoebe sent an email to Betty through the ladder's website. Both women would eventually meet each other. Despite apprehension at first both would forgive each other and reconcile their differences. In time the women and their respec-

tive families would become close, healing the wounds that slavery had caused.

After the presentation the women were questioned on the continued fight for equal rights across the United States. Betty replied “(that as long as) People continue to demand their rights, continue to talk, to get our rights we earned through history” than one day every man, woman, and child of any race and gender will be equal.

CHRISTIAN'S CORNER, CONT'D

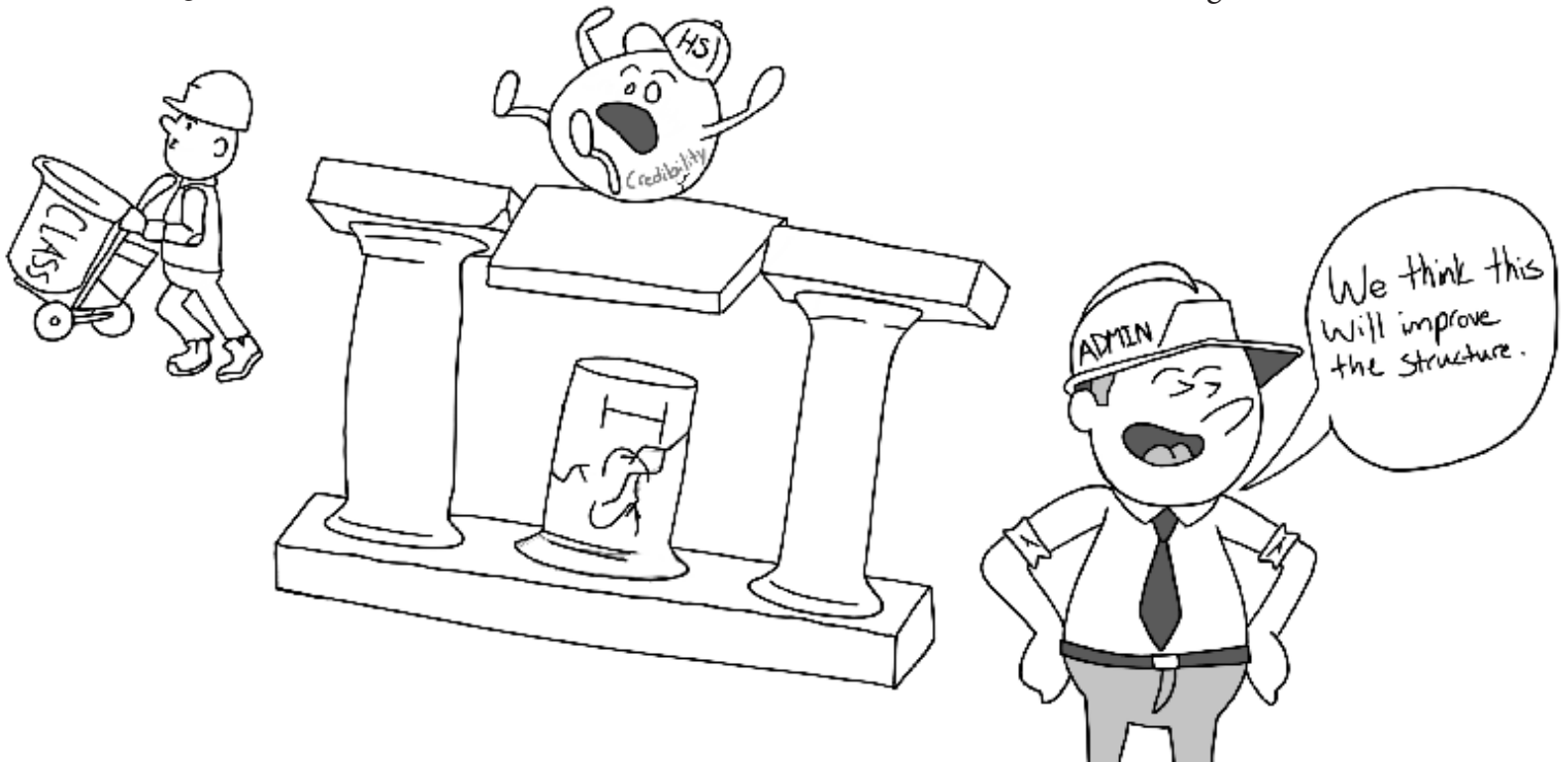
will give up smoking (again). However, we should give up something for Lent and redirect the time, energy, and money that we would have spent on the foregone activity or good in veneration of our Lord. If you find something particularly difficult to give up, then this is a sure sign that you should give it up. For it is easy to give up that which affects us little, but the things that are more difficult represent a greater sacrifice. Remember in the Gos-

pel of Mark with the widow's offering: Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him, and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.”

Mark 12:41–44 Let us be like this poor widow; let us give a gift to God from our poverty. It hope that all of your Lenten seasons go by wonderfully. It is truly a glorious time, because the Christ himself is imminent. In only 45 short days will Christ rise from the dead, defeating Death and rescuing all of humanity. Given what Christ has done for us, I think 45 days of fasting and penitence is not too much to ask for.

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